(घ) औद्योगिक कर्मचारियों के लिए उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (आधार : 1982=100) के अनुसार भारतीय रुपए की क्रय शक्ति का आकलन दिसम्बर, 1992 के 41.15 पैसे के मुकाबले दिसम्बर, 1993 में 37.38 पैसे था।

Strike by Bank Employees

*94. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 18th February, 1994 captioned "Bank Staff strike near total" all over the country, on 17th February 1994 including RBI and reported statement of the General Secretary of Bank Employees Federation of India saying that the strike was a warning to Government that the ill-conceived policies at the dictates of IMF and World Bank will not be tolerated by bankmen and the country's people;

(b) what were the main demands, reasons which led to strike and suspension of clearing house operations in the country;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet their demands, particularly immediate holding of meaningful wage negotiations, as the last charter was valid only upto November, 1992; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The one-day strike on 17.2.94 in some of the banks was to protest primarily against alleged privatisation of banks, closure of branches, job security, early wage revision, and introduction in Parliament of the Bill enabling nationalised banks to raise share capital from the public. Government have, on a number of occasions, allayed the fears of bankmen and have reiterated there was no intention to denationalise public sector banks or to undertake any retrenchment of staff. At the same time, it has been emphasised that there is an urgent need to improve efficiency so as to meet the requirements of a competitive economy.

In relation to the demand for wage revision, several rounds of discussions on the charter of demands submitted by the employees' unions for the 6th Bipartite Settlement have so far taken place between IBA and representatives of employees' unions and in pursuance of these discussions, memoranda of understanding have already been signed between the maior employees unions and the IBA with regard to pension in lieu of CPF and on computerisation and mechanisation. Further discussions between IBA and the employees' representatives are going on.

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार सौदे

*95. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:**
श्री ओ० राजगोपाल:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार सौदों में कमीशन के लिए जाने को वैधता प्रदान की है;

(ख) क्या इन नियमों में विगत सात वर्षों में कोई अपवाद भी रहे हैं; और

(ग) विवादास्पद सौदे के मामले में उससे निपटने के लिए क्या कोई पंचाट व्यवस्था उपलब्ध है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

कुल्लू-मंडी राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर केबल फाइबर का बिछाया जाना

*96. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: